

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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LACK OF SAFETY RULES ABROAD NAVAL SHIPS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- a. whether the safety related rules are being overlooked while carrying out work abroad naval ships regarding gas and petroleum products;
- b. if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;
- c. if so, the details thereof; and
- d. the action taken against the guilty officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. Safety-related rules are not overlooked. For BPCL's Kochi Refinery's Crude Oil Receipt Facilities Project, Offshore Pipe lay and construction barges were used while carrying out the installation of sub-sea piping and Single Point Mooring buoy. Approvals are obtained from Ministry of Defence and Director General (DG), Shipping for engaging foreign vessels in such projects. Merchant Naval ships i.e. oil tankers & supply vessels are operated under the purview of the rules and procedures of DG, Shipping – the regulator for marine vessels & shipping operations in India. Prior approvals are also obtained from Ministry of Home Affairs for engaging foreign nationals for the offshore jobs. In addition, job safety and security procedures are verified and supervised by the Surveyor, Third Party Inspection agency and the Project Management Consultant in addition to the owner.